

Senate Bill 306

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Harp of the 29th, Smith of the 52nd, Thompson of the 33rd,
Thomas of the 54th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-250 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 wearing a device which impairs hearing or vision while operating a motor vehicle, so as to
3 exempt headsets used for communication purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide
4 for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-6-250 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wearing a
8 device which impairs hearing or vision while operating a motor vehicle, is revised to read as
9 follows:
10 "40-6-250.

11 No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing a headset or headphone which
12 would impair such person's ability to hear, nor shall any person while operating a motor
13 vehicle wear any device which impairs such person's vision; provided, however, that a
14 person may wear a headset or headphone for communication purposes ~~only while operating~~
15 ~~a motorcycle. This Code section shall not apply to hearing aids or instruments for the~~
16 ~~improvement of defective human hearing, eyeglasses, or sunglasses. This Code section~~
17 ~~shall not apply to any law enforcement officer or firefighter equipped with any~~
18 ~~communications device necessary in the performance of such person's duties."~~

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and shall be applicable to all offenses
21 occurring on or after that date.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.